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societies including missionary societies acting on behalf of the depressed classes. The Government do not know whether land has been assigned to the Christian Missionary Societies in the districts referred to; and have no reason for thinking that the facts are as stated in clause (f).

- (e) Pattas are issued in the names of the persons or societies in whose favour the land has been assigned.

Mr. V. RAMJEE RAO :—“Since the hon. the Revenue Member is not in his place, may I be allowed to ask the question, Sir?”

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—“There are other hon. Members of the Government who can reply to the question.”

(Just then the hon. the Revenue Member entered the hall.)

Mr. V. RAMJEE RAO :—“With regard to clauses (b) and (c) the Government say they have no information. May I request the Government to get the information?”

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—“Yes, Sir.”

Land Revenue

Levy of ground-rent in rural and urban areas.

* 1763 Q.—SYED TAJUDIN SAHIB Bahadur : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to call for and lay on the table a talukwar statement of the excess of the ground-rent levied in all rural areas under Board's Standing Order No. 21 and in urban areas of this Presidency over the agricultural assessment for the years 1925-26-27 with the latest orders passed by them in 1927 as to revision of ground-rents during every resettlement period?

A.—Rupees 48,600 was paid in 1926-27 to municipalities as the excess of ground-rent over the agricultural assessment. No further particulars are available.

No orders have been issued for the revision of ground-rents during every resettlement period.

Public Service

Selection of applicants for personal interview.

* 1764 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY : With regard to the answer to clause (e) of question No. 1226, referred to in question No. 1391 answered on 24th January 1928, will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether any representations were at any time made to the Government that all the candidates who apply for posts should be called for a personal interview, and if so, when and by whom; and

(b) whether in view of the very large number of applications received for every post that is notified in the Gazette, the Government will consider the desirability of carefully scrutinizing the applications in the first instance and calling only the most suitable candidates for a personal interview?